

## **New Toad Toter Bags are in!**

**Info for the Uninitiated:** On full moon days (as noted in the calendar) you will get 20% off all purchases (not otherwise discounted) that you can fit in your Toad Toter bag. You must bring your bag to participate. Toad Toter bags cost \$25 and they are good for forever. You don't have to buy one every year.

**But we have new & different bags this time, complete with a zippered top, zippered inside pocket, a place for a water bottle and other intriguing pockets. So if your old bag is getting a bit worn, come in for a refit!**

**BTW, The bag got its name because the shop logo, which is on the bag, is a quilt block called Toad in the Puddle, one of my favorite blocks. Thus, if you carry a tote bag, you are a toter of a toad bag. Toad Toter!**

## **We Came in 3rd!**

Thanks to all of you who voted. I am getting some Creative Grid rulers, as a result, and I think I can pick which ones I want. So that means....CLASS! I am looking at 2 different options, and I will decide by next week.

Class fee will be: You have to bring my row to the shop to sign up, either in a quilt or just stand alone. It does not have to be finished. Class will be limited to the number of rulers I can get. Everyone who comes to class will go home with one of the rulers and I will design a project around the ruler. Obviously, class size will be limited. I will announce when sign up for class will begin--and what the ruler is and probably what the project will be and what the time & date for the class. (It won't be until at least November, so if you haven't made the row, you have time.)

This is to thank all of you who supported my row. Now, I know that not everyone was able to vote, so I'm not going to restrict the class to just those who voted (plus, I don't know). But to participate in the class, you have to make my row.



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**September 16, 2016**

The military have a term they use when things don't go quite right. It's called a cluster... Well, you get my drift. And yesterday was that kind of a day around here.

A little background is needed: We are getting new lines painted for parking spots in our lot. And they are going to make the slots a little wider, which is nice. So the painters picked yesterday to paint. Do you remember yesterday? It really rained. But that wasn't what caused the cluster.

No, the painters decided to rope off the entire middle of the parking lot with cones a yellow tape, starting about 7:30-8. You've been to this parking lot. Remember how difficult it is to find parking spaces? Now imagine what it was like at 10, when I got here. But, I told myself, it shouldn't take long to paint new lines. Right.

Three hours later, the guy (I think there was only 1) had left. So in the neighborhood of six hours or so, we got no paint, but had lots of cones blown over. Yes, he left and didn't take his cones with him. And because we are either sheep or law abiding people, we continued to obey the cones & tape and didn't park in the middle of the lot. We kept hunting for spaces around and around and around the perimeter of the lot.

And then it rained. By this time, I'd had it. So I reparked to the middle of the parking lot-I was in a rebellious mood and didn't want to be a sheep. I mean, really, who hasn't blown a red light at 2:30 in the morning when you've been sitting there for 2 minutes with no traffic in sight. Granted, the minute you do that, a cop shows up. But painters aren't cops and I figured I'd just move if any real painting activity looked likely to start. And I figured I might start a trend of ignoring pointless cones. And I was right. The lot happily filled back up. Later the painters came to collect their now useless cones and everything was back to normal.

Needless to say, we don't have new lines. But take heart, this is all supposed to happen again tomorrow. But...

This is my plan. The painters aren't supposed to block off the entire lot. They are supposed to do it in stages. Tomorrow, if the lot is all roped off AND if there is no painting going on, I plan to ignore the cones and park wherever I want. Make them come tell me to move. Let them try.

Because I want to send a message to line painters around the world: 1) Be sensible. If it's so windy that the cones blow over, hire someone whose job it is to pick up blown over cones. One person can't paint and pick up cones, because all he'll be doing is picking up cones. 2) Be kind: Only rope off half the lot that you can do in an hour or so. I understand that means you may have to come back the next day to finish the job-it's hard to rope off a lot that is already filled with cars. But that's the job. 3) Be smart: Watch the weather channel the night before. If it's going to rain all afternoon, rethink your painting plan. 4) Be wise: Follow the property manager's direction to paint the lot in sections. Because if you don't, you may

never be hired again.

This whole incident made me feel a little like Evelyn in Fried Green Tomatoes, who gets cut out of a parking slot by a couple of young things:

**Evelyn Couch:** Hey! I was waiting for that spot!

**Girl #1:** Face it, lady, we're younger and faster!

*[Evelyn rear-ends the other car six times]*

**Girl #1:** What are you \*doing\*?\*

**Girl #2:** Are you \*crazy\*?\*

**Evelyn Couch:** Face it, girls, I'm older and I have more insurance.

The older I get the more intolerant I become. So line painters, don't mess with me. I may just drive over your wet lines. So there.

And next week maybe I'll tell you how I couldn't figure out how to tuck my sheets under my new Sleep Number mattress and how I had to call the store with a dumb question.....

## WHAT'S NEW!!

From Hoffman--new digitals:



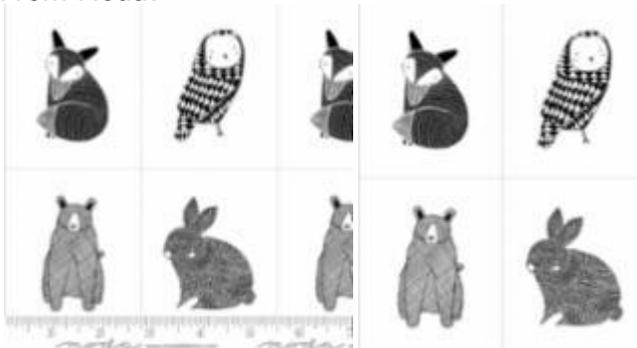
KIT!



From Timeless:



glow in the dark!  
From Moda:

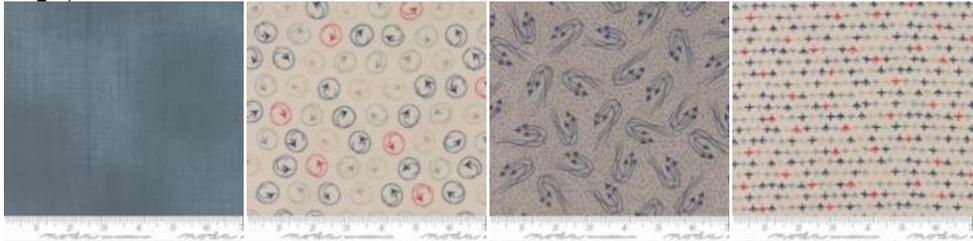


There is another one as well--they

These are 2 different panels, one



large, one small



pattern

laser cut planes

From Anna Griffin



From Free Spirit:



From Michael Miller:



From Stof: I could not capture all of the images for the Stof fabrics. Stof is a Danish company.



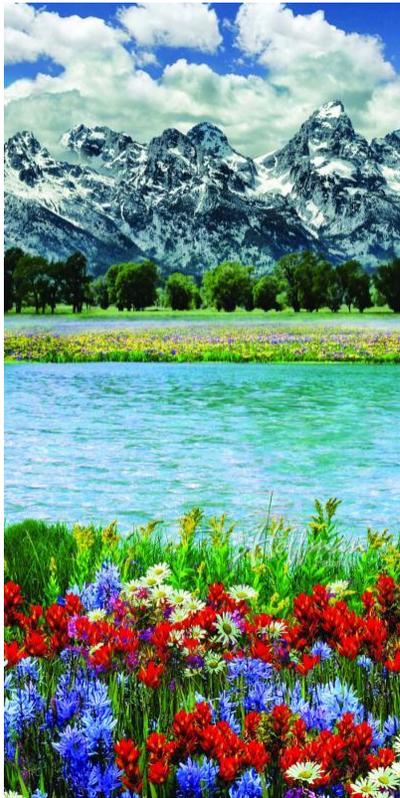
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(only in more taupe colors) And

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From Moda:





# September Classes & Special Events

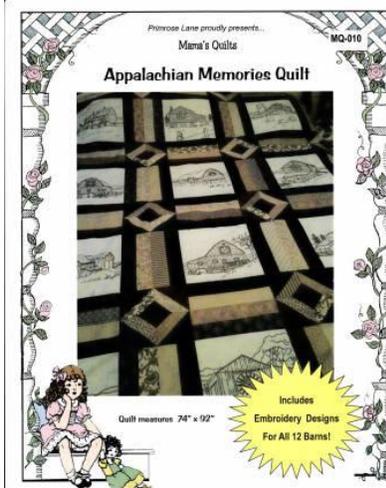
## English Paper Piecing 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20

English paper piecing dates back to the early 1800s. It is a hand sewing method that uses paper templates to help sew complex angles together, like hexagons. Any number of different designs can be made, including Grandmother's Flower Garden. Several patterns will be available, including traditional Flower Garden and the Downton Abbey free pattern.

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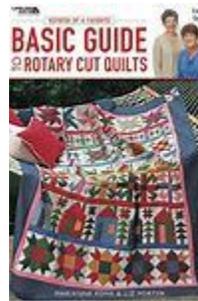
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## Beginning Quilting Sun. starting Sept 11 1-4 OR Wed Sept 14 6-9 8 weeks

\$65 Barb Boyer

This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way thread, machines and various techniques to give quilt.



to you almost everything you need you will learn about color, batting, you the skills to make almost any

## Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler Quilt Sat. Sept 17 & 24; Oct. 15 & 22; Nov. 19 & 26 10-12 \$20 Barb Boyer

Eleanor Burns has collected attic quilts for years and the sampler in the book Quilts from El's Attic is designed from the blocks in her collection of antique quilts. Each week (2 weeks in a row each month) you will learn different 2 blocks. In December (not yet scheduled) you will learn how to do a scalloped border to finish your quilt.



## Christmas Row Quilt 3rd Sat of the month, 1-4 ongoing

## Machine Applied Binding Sat Sept. 17, 4-6 4-6 \$20 Barb Boyer

We will explore two different machine applied binding: one that uses a cord and one that used a flange. Bring a small quilt, your binding and your sewing machine-check the supply list to make sure you have the right tools (cording, the correct foot, binding cut at the correct width). Putting binding on by machine cuts your time tremendously and when done well can be award winning!

**Back Basting** Wed. Sept. 21, 1-3 Sandra Freeburg \$25

Back basting is a template free method of needle turn applique. No slippery freezer paper or chalked lines on top that never seem to get turned under quite right. This method is especially great for traveling, because your pieces will be basted onto your background -- no need for pins to get in the way. This class is great for beginners and all levels of applique. Don't let hand applique frustrate you. It's really easy and relaxing!



**Jacks All Around** Sat. Sept. 24, 1-6

This cute Halloween quilt features easy pieced pumpkins, all with different faces. Choose 12 different oranges for your pumpkins and change up the faces to create your own special Halloween jack o'lantern quilt!

**Hand Quilting** Wed. Sept. 28, 1-3 \$25 Sandra Freeburg

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**Wild Orchid Raven Quilt** Fri. Sept 30, 2-4 \$20

This block of the month will feature a different raven block, from the Raven book by Blackbird Designs. You can hand applique the blocks, but class will show you how to trace the pieces, fuse them in place and applique around by machine. We have 1 kit left of the original fabrics, but you can choose your own fabrics from your stash.



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## October Classes & Special Events

### **Finish Your Quilt Sale** Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3

Bring your finished quilt top to the store, and we'll help you find the perfect back and binding. Plus, we'll give you 20% off your backing, binding and/or batting. It's time to finish your quilts!

### **Block of the Month** Sat. Oct 1 10:30-11:15 FREE Barb Boyer

Join at any time. You get a free fat quarter if you come to class with the previous month's completed block. This year we're making a red, white & blue quilt-patriotic theme, if you like.

### **Ornament Club** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month, 1:30-3:30 Free, if you buy that month's kit

Each month we will feature a different pieced ornament. Some of the ornaments can be used as gift tags & gift card holders. You can pick & choose which ornaments you want to make-each ornament will be displayed prior to class. You can make the March ornament & skip the April ornament, for example. Kits are limited, though, so if you are interested in a particular kit, be sure to sign up for that month & let me know.

### **Monthly Minis** First Saturday of the Month, Sept-Dec. 4-6 \$10 for the year (plus patterns or kits)

This year we are doing various table runners/ door banners/small wall hanging celebrating each month. Some of the quilts are long & skinny, some square, some round. Most of the quilts will be kitted.

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### **Who Are You?** Thur. Oct 6 & 20, 1-4 or 6-9 Sue Frerich \$25

This cute pattern features owls, done in the Southwind Designs fashion-like cathedral windows. Once you have done a Southwind Pattern, you will want to make more-the sheep, frogs, Mexican Star. These quilts can be wall hangings, table runners or full sized quilts. Come learn the trick of turning the edges for form curves!



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**Christmas Wreath** Sat. Oct. 8 1-4 Barb Boyer Free with purchase of kit

This dimensional Christmas Wreath is easy to make and is a fun table topper or a wall/door hanging. You have this wreath done in an afternoon and you'll be ready to make more for gifts.



**Chit Chat Quilt** Sat. Oct. 8 ongoing, 4-6 \$20 Barb Boyer

**Knit Pickers' Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of each month, 6-8:30 Carol Moler

Every second Thursday, we're getting together to practice our knitting. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just sit and knit.

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**Modern Vintage Quilt** Sat. Oct 22 1-6 \$20 Barb Boyer

This "vintage modern" quilt design uses a Denmark based fabric from Stof. The pieced parts are a snowball styled block, and the Stof fabrics form the large borders. Class will focus on the blocks and how to add very large borders to a quilt.

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**Stack & Whack** Sat. Oct 29, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

There are some quilts that everyone needs to do-at least once. Stack & Whack is one of those quilts. You take beautiful fabric, cut it into identical pieces, and sew it back together in a kaleidoscope pattern. We will work with the 8 repeat, classic, pattern.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB**

If you want to learn to hand embroider or just brush up your technique, join us on the second Saturday of the month from 10 to noon. We provide free vintage patterns, and this year we will have free patterns of girls with hats, that you can embroider, embellish and color. Each month Kathy Sconce shows us a new stitch to try, plus, she guides us through thread choices, how to knot, fabrics to use, and tracing techniques.

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**Knit Pickin' Club**

This is another get-together class to sit & knit, work on our projects, share information and get some help. We will share techniques, suggest patterns, but mainly we'll sit & knit (or pick).

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Full Moon Days: Sept. 16; Oct. 16; Nov. 14; Dec. 14.

**Discount Policy**

We will honor only one discount -- whichever is largest. You can't combine a 10% with a 25% discount to get a 35% discount. On this we can't be bribed.

**Color of the Month**

September orange; October green; November flannel; December Christmas.

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Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

Barbara Boyer  
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